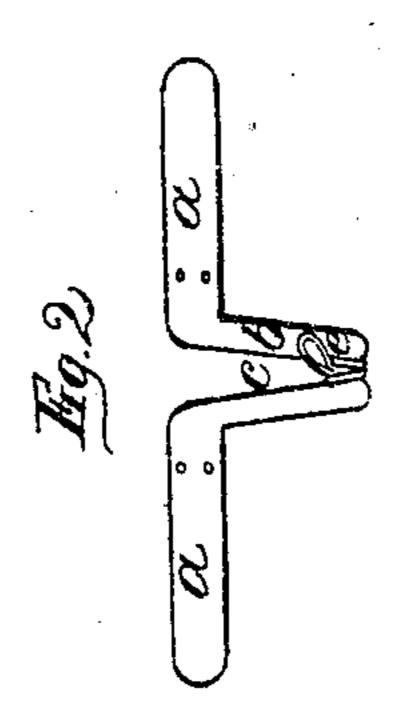
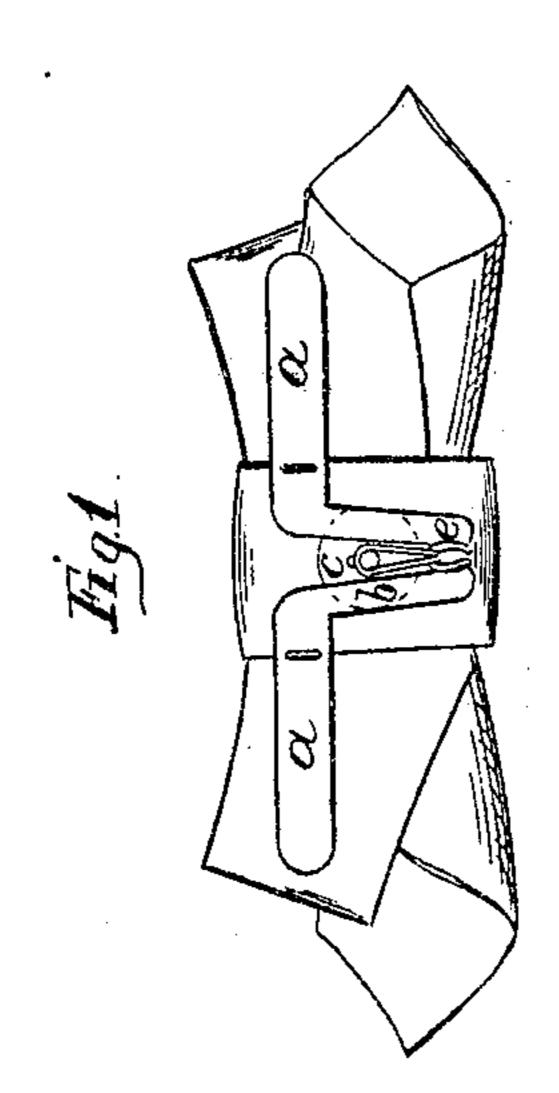
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Letters Patent No. 77,788, dated May 12, 1868.

IMPROVEMENT IN FRAMES FOR NECK-TIES.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, Patrick Welch, of the city and State of New York, have invented, made, and applied to use a certain new and useful Improvement in Frames for Neck-Ties and Bows; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the said invention, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making part of this specification, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view of said frame and bow as seen from the back, and

Figure 2 is a view of the frame separately.

Like letters indicate the same parts.

It is often difficult to affix a neck-tie or bow beneath the fold of a paper collar, because the ties heretofore made have usually been passed downwards over the button on the shirt-collar, and could not be turned and passed under the fold of the collar without risk of tearing or defacing the collar, or else the neck-tie did not set properly up to its place in the fold of the collar.

The nature of my said invention consists in a sheet-metal frame for a neck-tie or bow, formed with a slot running from the upper portion downwards, so that it may be pressed from below upwards and behind the button on the shirt-collar, carrying the bow that is attached to said frame up outside the fold of the collar, and I attach an elastic ring to the lower part of such frame by looping it through the opening, so that the elastic loop may be buttoned over the shirt-collar button, whether the frame itself passes behind that button or not, and thereby keep the neck-tie properly up to place. This elastic ring or small India-rubber band can be replaced with facility in case it breaks.

In the drawing, a a are the wings of the neck-tie frame, provided with holes or notches, to allow the bow to be attached by sewing. b is the body of said frame, through which is the vertical slot c, that allows the frame to be slipped up behind the shirt-collar button. e is a small India-rubber band or ring, attached by looping it around the metal at the bottom of the slot c, or through a hole provided for it at the lower end of the body b. This loop is to be passed over the shirt-collar button, as aforesaid, and it may be replaced with facility if broken.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is-

The neck-tie frame, formed with a slot running from the upper part down the centre of the body, for the purposes and as set forth.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my signature, this fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1867.

PATRICK WELCH.

Witnesses:

CHAS. H. SMITH, GEO. D. WALKER,